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Amendments to the Claims

The current listing of claims replaces all previous versions of the claims.

Listing of Claims

Please cancel claims 1 -9.

10. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

an elongate body formed from recycled tire material, said body having a plurality of sidewalls and oppositely disposed end portions integral with said plurality of sidewalls and defining a length of said body therebetween, said body having a centrally disposed longitudinal axis;

at least one reinforcing member extending within said body and disposed between said opposed end portions and said plurality of sidewalls thereof, said at least one reinforcing member positioned ~~substantially~~ parallel to the longitudinal axis; ~~and~~ connecting means for removably connecting select ones of said opposed end portions to an object; and

an elongated cross-bar directly conjoined to a top end of said body, said cross-bar extending orthogonal to said body and having axially opposed end portions laterally displaced away from said body;

an octagonal stop sign connected to said body for warning vehicles and pedestrians of oncoming traffic;

wherein said connecting means comprises: a plurality of brackets having a plurality of apertures formed therein and for receiving a plurality of fastening members therethrough;

wherein one said plurality of brackets is secured to said apparatus and another said plurality of brackets is secured to a ground surface, said plurality of brackets being pivotally connected and selectively adjustable along a select quadrant such that said first and second brackets are oriented orthogonal to each other when said body is vertically situated, said second bracket having an anchoring member directly attached to a bottom surface thereof and seated below the ground surface, said anchoring

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member having a plurality of spikes directly connected thereto and protruding vertically downwardly for maintaining static contact below the ground surface, said anchoring member having a thickness greater than a thickness of said first and second brackets.

11. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member comprises: first and second V-shaped reinforcing members juxtaposed side-by-side within said body and equidistantly centered from said sidewalls. ~~is formed to have a substantially V-shape.~~

12. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a ~~generally~~ U-shaped cross-section.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a generally V-shaped cross-section.

14. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a ~~substantially~~ cylindrical shape.

15. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said at least one reinforcing member is formed to have a ~~substantially~~ helical shape.

Please cancel claims 16 and 17.